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### FROM SARAH, OUR SABRA ON THE GROUND IN ISRAEL

Dear Friend,

Greetings to you from the Holy Land, where we have undergone a second lockdown due to COVID-19. After the glowing reports of how Israel handled the first wave of the virus, our success, sadly, did not continue. Decision makers influenced more by economic gains than by health officials' advice took actions that hurt our chances of keeping the disease at bay.

Travel into Israel has been restricted since March of this year, and travel out of Israel has been minimal. Under current regulations, all citizens face a 14-day period of isolation upon return into the country. This second shutdown unfortunately coincided with the High Holy Days in September and October—the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Each year during the fall Feasts, hundreds of thousands of tourists flood into Israel. Normally, I am honored to lead worship and speak at many events as well as travel abroad to numerous

conferences. In fact, the fall is usually my most demanding time of year. As you can imagine, these events are not taking place. Still, I was privileged to film some sessions for several online events being broadcast around the world directly from Jerusalem.

Driving up to Jerusalem, I offered prayers of thanksgiving to God for His grace toward me. I thanked him for the opportunities He set before me. And I thanked Him that, even though Israel is in a lockdown, He made a way for me to fulfill my calling "unto the nations."

### A GODLY REMNANT

During the drive, I pondered the lessons I've learned about the power of giving



Noah, his wife, and children exit the ark. Engraving by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld for *Bible Pictures with Brief Descriptions* by Charles Foster, published in 1897, Philadelphia, PA

thanks — an apt message to share with you during America's Thanksgiving season. However, the Lord laid on my heart to write, instead, about "a Godly remnant."

The word "remnant" simply means something that remains from a larger quantity that no longer exists. A "Biblical remnant" means a people walking in purity and holiness in accordance with God's Word—not conforming to the ways of this world.

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<u>Noah is the earliest representation of "a Godly remnant" that we find in the Bible</u>. In Noah's day, the devil had everyone firmly in his grasp except for Noah and his family. Can you imagine the level of temptation Noah faced in his lifetime? <u>All</u> flesh around him was corrupted, and yet the Bible says, "*Noah WALKED WITH GOD"* (Genesis 6:9, emphasis mine).

Even faced with social disdain and ridicule from all corners while building the ark nowhere near water, Noah did everything that God commanded him (Genesis 6:22). He was building a structure never seen before, preparing for a global deluge of rain that had never occurred before.

"The remnant" comprises **people who carry out God's will.** They are not doing their own thing; they are concerned with the work and will of the Lord.

### A REMNANT IN EXILE

In 2 Chronicles 36, we find the nation of Israel exiled from the Holy Land after the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple. The Bible says that the king of the Chaldeans carried a remnant back to Babylon from Israel. The people remain there for 70 years, and during that time, Persia takes over Babylon.

After 70 years of exile, King Cyrus of Persia lets that exiled remnant return to the Land. But not all of them do. Some have turned away to idolatrous ways and don't want to leave. Only those whose hearts are moved leave to pursue the restoration of Israel.

A remnant within the remnant undertakes a return to the Holy Land to restore the altar of worship to the one true God. These faithful few face hardships and dangers, and yet they cannot be satisfied with the status quo; they press on to rebuild the altar and the city of Jerusalem.

### A REMNANT NOT SWAYED BY FEAR OF MAN

God's remnant is willing to go through hard times and stand as a minority in isolation for the cause of God. In



The Caravan of Abraham, painting by James Tissot (1836–1902) or follower

Elijah's day, God keeps a remnant of 7,000 who have not kissed Baal. They are so hidden that even Elijah doesn't know they exist. But exist they do!

The remnant is not swayed by fear of man—not even of a king, like Daniel and Moses. In 1 Kings 12, we find King Jeroboam, who, after the nation of Israel is divided into two kingdoms at the end of Solomon's reign, becomes the king of the Ten Northern Tribes.

Afraid that the people's hearts will turn to King Rehoboam of Judah each time they go up to Jerusalem (as they are commanded by God to do three times per year), Jeroboam sets up two

alternate, false altars. He places one in Dan and one in Bethel—the two borders of His kingdom. He further distorts the people's worship of God by changing the dates of the feasts.

In 1 Kings 12:32, we read that Jeroboam appoints priests for the shrines of these false altars. These priests arise from all kinds of people, though they are not Levites. Why would he do that? Answer: because the Levites, who live among all of the tribes, understand that the practices being introduced by Jeroboam defile the worship of God among the people.

Therefore, the Levites remove their homes from among the ten tribes and go to reside in the kingdom of Judah. There, they can worship God in Jerusalem as He commands them. A true remnant loves holiness and refuses to compromise.

### A REMNANT REMAINING STEADFAST IN HOPE

In Yeshua's parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), the younger son chooses to leave his father's house and make his home in the world. I wonder how many of us have left the

Father's house for ideas and ways that are not from Him? What have we let into our lives that desecrates the altar of worship in our heart? The remnant remains steadfast.

It is not enough to just remain. In the parable, Yeshua refers to another son, the older. This son remains in the father's house, but his heart is hardened. He does not know his father's true character and, therefore, does not know who he really is.

He misses the fact that his father's waiting for the younger son is a demonstration of his father's fullness of love, compassion, and forgiveness. He doesn't recognize that his father's love extends to him too; that his father would give him anything he requests...if he would only ask.

His lack of truly knowing his father limits the older son's thinking and the resources that are available to him. The remnant looks not at the things that are seen but to the things that are not yet seen (2 Corinthians 4:18). Members live in a state of hope, which has been perfected by suffering and perseverance, because Believers'\* hope in God does not disappoint (Romans 5:3–5).



The Return of the Prodigal Son, painting by James Tissot (1836–1902), Brooklyn Museum

### THE ROOTS OF "REMNANT"

The Hebrew word for "remnant" is *Sh'-e-rit*. The root of this word is made up of three letters: *shin*, *alef*, and *reish*. Perhaps you already know this: Hebrew has an amazing way of connecting words and meaning through the shared roots of words.

For example, the root word for "sin"—chet, made up of the letters chet, tet, and alef—is hidden

\* "Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."

in the word *l'chateh*, which means "to cleanse or disinfect." This connection shows us that God already had the plan/provision for cleansing us from our sin before we even knew we needed it!

<u>From the same root of Sh'-e-rit we get the word Se'or, which means "leaven</u>." Remember the verse that says that even a small lump of leaven will leaven the whole lump of dough: Galatians 5:9.

The remnant principle here is that God moves through the minority: like Noah, Abraham, Lot, and the returning remnant from Babylon. In the Book of Revelation, God states that He will keep a remnant (a small group of people on the Earth) who will **remain faithful** and be saved.

### GOD WORKS THROUGH THE REMNANT

This remnant will have the ultimate victory. God is working through the remnant—through the small group that remains. And yet He plans to impact the whole world through it! The remnant, though small, will be triumphant.

The treaties Israel recently signed with several Arab nations are a signal of a major political shift coming. Only God knows the exact times and seasons in which we live. I hope that this Bible lesson has encouraged you to live as Godly remnant people, for such a time as this.



Im tirdefu lada-at oto—
"Press on to know HIM!" (Hosea 6:3 NLT),

Sarah Liberman

**P.S.** Are you the faithful remnant of your family? Maybe everyone around you has left the way of the Lord. Stand firm; God is with you! He will rebuild the ruins in your life, and through your life, the lives of others around you.

### Zola Tours: When Israel Opens, We're Going



David and I just spent the week taping new studio segments for *Our Jewish Roots*. Typically, at this time of year, we mention our most recent study tour in the Holy Land. This time, however, we had to simply state, "If Israel's borders are open to tourists, we'll be there." Unfortunately, ours isn't the only ministry restricted from bringing groups of pilgrims to Israel. As you have probably read, Israel is still protecting its citizens and prospective tourists during the ongoing pandemic.

Question: When will our tour groups and television production crew return to Israel?

**Answer:** When it's safe for travelers and residents.

Zola Tours is fully prepared to take a group in March of 2021 should Israel's borders reopen, and we'd be honored if you would join us. Our land agents who make our tours first class and organize every detail cannot wait to have us step foot on that sacred ground once again. From our tour guides and bus drivers to those who prepare our hotel rooms — every Israeli we work with is ready to welcome you with open arms.

Our highly competent tour manager, Sandra, makes every step as seamless as possible. You can contact her at 214-696-9760 or travel@levitt.com. At levitt.com/tours, you'll find answers to many questions about bringing your whole family to experience the majestic land of our Savior. (P.S. As many of you are currently doing your holiday shopping for family and friends, what better gift than a study tour of the Holy Land? You could make someone's dream come true!)

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### A Note from David and Kirsten Hart

We sign off every *Our Jewish Roots* program by asking you to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim*—pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). While Scripture mandates praying for the capital city of Jerusalem, we also implore you to pray for the whole country of Israel. This region relies on our prayers and moral support.

Tourism is a significant source of income for Israel. Enrolling for the next Holy Land tour constitutes "boots on the ground" support that you can't offer from your living room. When Israel opens its doors again, its financial healing will begin. <u>Faithfully supporting Zola Levitt Ministries also positively impacts the Holy Land</u>. How? This ministry upholds Israel's sovereignty and supports sister ministries there — a tradition Zola began 40 years ago.

Plus, your monthly donations foster the production of *Our Jewish Roots*. We are preparing to film brand-new, Biblical, dramatic reenactments in the Galilee. Such dramatizations have been signature features of our television program for decades. Costumes have been sewn, Israeli actors have been selected, and locations around the Sea of Galilee have been scouted and reserved. All of this preliminary activity will help us boost Israel's economy. Once we get the green light, we'll head into intense production ... *in Israel*.

Thank you for seeing the value in the Bible teaching we deliver across the airwaves, through the mail, and over the internet. If you aren't a regular contributor to this ministry, would you prayerfully consider starting now? You'll be planting financial seeds into an extremely worthy and time-tested Scriptural message. Please see the enclosed invitation to join Zola's Monthly Gift program.

### Our Jewish Roots TV programs in November

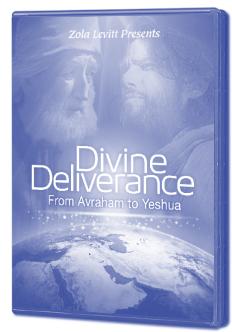
We conclude our series, *Divine Deliverance: From Avraham to Yeshua*, which features those dramatic Israeli re-enactments I mentioned above plus Zola's original musical compositions. **Dr. Jeffrey Seif** follows twelve prominent people in the Bible who served as prototypes for the ultimate Divine Deliverer, Yeshua. November's programs look at Ezekiel, Daniel, Queen Esther, and ultimately Jesus.

**Ezekiel** — This exiled prophet saw dramatic visions of transformation: dry bones into living people, and water flowing from the dry mountaintop.

**Daniel** — Even in the exile, Daniel focused on the Lord, praying habitually. He foresaw events of the Last Days. Believers should employ the powerful weapon of prayer.

**Esther** — God raises up people like Esther in each generation to deliver His people.

**Jesus** — On His last night, Messiah stated that He wanted to be remembered by a Passover meal (1 Cor. 11:24). He is the ultimate Provider of deliverance. We pray you experience deliverance anew and follow Him more fervently than ever.





Jeff Seif

**Thanksgiving and the Year in Review**—In this special program, Dr. Seif, David, and I thank the Lord for His protection through a tumultuous 2020. Then we present highlights from our recent series *Joshua: More than a Conqueror, In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus, Kings and Kingdoms*, and *Revelation: Unveiling the Visions*.

If you have missed a TV episode, you can view it on our YouTube channel, or feast on a banquet of free television series at www.levitt.tv. Did a particular episode affect your spiritual walk? Please write and tell us how it impacted your Biblical outlook and/or witness for the Lord. We love feedback from our viewers. Share those impactful episodes with loved ones, too.



Praying you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, we remind you to *Sha'alu* shalom Yerushalayim!— "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!" (Psalm 122:6),

David & Kirsten

**P.S.** Our nation votes this month. If you believe in our organization's Biblical message, would you please "vote" for us with your dollars? We are truly thankful for you and your prayers.



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**Abraham** A journey into an unforeseen future began with a step of faith toward a promised land. The God of Israel still leads those who follow Him.

**Isaac** The promise of a child to an elderly couple came in an angelic message. Abraham's and Isaac's successful tests of faith picture the redemption to come.

**Jacob** Family dysfunction followed the birth of twin boys. The younger wrestled an "angel" for a blessing. The good news of salvation came through this man who became "Israel."

**Joseph** Israel's sons experienced tension and betrayal before receiving redemption and deliverance from famine and drought.

**Moses** Moses heard the call of God to deliver His people out of Egypt. These former slaves gained access to God through His Sanctuary. Today, Believers' deliverance is only a prayer away.

**Ruth** The loyalty of a young Moabite widow to her mother-in-law resulted in their deliverance from deprivation and in hope for the future as Ruth joins Messiah's lineage.

**David** The young shepherd boy had great confidence in his God. Anointed by the prophet Samuel, David became king of Israel and the ancestor of the King of kings.

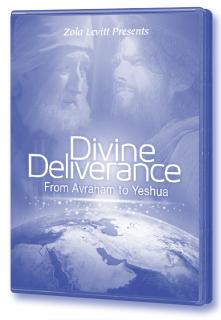
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